



My name is Lindsey Ann Draper. I am sixteen years old, and was born on my grandmothers birthday. I live in Hammondsport, New York with my parents and my sister Bethany. Hammondsport is located at the southern tip of Keuka Lake, and is located in Steuben County. I have a dog Sophie and a cat Aurora. I enjoy fishing, hunting, photography, reading, and spending time with my family and friends. I go to Hammondsport Central School and I am in eleventh grade. I play the bass clarinet in band, and in the fall I am a member of the girls varsity tennis team. I have been a 4-Her for seven years, I am very active in shooting sports and gardening. In shooting sports am a junior instructor for muzzle loading, archery, and rifle. I am a junior master gardener as well. I also enter things in cooking, heritage, arts, photography, and dog obedience classes at the fair. I also a holder of a lifetime license for hunting and fishing. I plan on going to college for four years to become an occupational therapist.

This was the first year that I actually went out hunting with my dad and grandfather. I was able to get my first deer which was a buck on opening day, unfortunately it was the only deer I got this year. I was glad to have had my dad and grandfather there to teach me how to find the deer after it ran off and to take care of it. My grandfather and dad were very proud of me and I plan to keep hunting with them for many more years.

I have been to Cornell University several years to attend Career Explorations, and learned a lot about different jobs and how college works. I have also went to Cobleskill two years for the ABC trip. I learned a lot about different agricultural jobs and got to visit a different college. I attended the Albany Capital Days trip and was able to learn about how the government works and got to see the architecture of the capital. I was also able to meet my assembly man and senator, Jim Bacalles and George Winner. I have been a teen leader for my county and for state fair for three years. At state fair I helped judge horticulture, worked at the county booth, and helped at the shooting sports booth. I hope to go back and help at my county fair and at the state fair.

I am currently on the STARR planning committee, to help plan an event to teach other teens leadership skills. I was also selected again to attend the Career Explorations trip, and was finally selected for the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip. I also am attending the National 4-H conference, in Chevy Chase Maryland

at the National 4-H center.

4-H has really taken me many places and I hope it continues to. I enjoy meeting all the new people and making new friends. 4-H has really taken me out of my comfort zone, I used to not speak well in front of others and now I am able to communicate much better. "4-H makes the best better", and does it in a way that you are "learning by doing". I am proud to say I am a 4-Her and would recommend the 4-H program to anyone.